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From the Gulag's Horror, Tales of a Kind of Treason Freed Political Prisoners Were Jailed For Turning Against State They Served

By Serge Schmemmann
New York Times Service

MOSCOW — They were presented as the last political prisoners of the dreaded Gulag. But as they told their stories, it was more as if the Kremlin had released the last bit-players from an old spy thriller: the Spy, the Prison Guard, the Missile-Targeter, the Cypher-Breaker, the Disgruntled Academic.

The stories were as different and as intriguing as their former trades — one had tried to hijack a plane, one wandered across to China and a year later came back, one spread disinformation in California.

What united them was that all had turned on the police state they had served, all were convicted of treason and all were released last Friday under an amnesty announced by President Boris N. Yeltsin in his speech at the United Nations on Jan. 31.

"All of us here in one way or another were collaborators or advocates of the totalitarian regime to which we are now bidding farewell," said Boris Yuzhin, a former KGB agent who began leaking information to U.S. authorities while posing as a Tass reporter in California.

"Some served in penal troops, others for the KGB," he said. "I wrote impassioned poems to the political initiatives of the Kremlin leadership."

He added: "But an internal protest was ripening in each of us, even if not all of us were decisive enough to do something resolute, and not to carry on. Therefore each of us violated the law that existed at the time to some degree. But if you give a moral assessment to our actions," Mr. Yuzhin concluded, "they can be justified."

Mr. Yuzhin and four other men who appeared at a news conference on Tuesday were among 10 political prisoners freed from the notorious Perm 35 labor camp.

All five denied Mr. Yeltsin's assertion that they were the last political prisoners left from the Soviet era; they cite reports of inmates arrested for political activities but convicted of regular crimes, or inmates serving in republics other than Russia, or young men convicted of draft evasion.

What is significant is that the Gulag is disintegrating not only "prisoners of conscience" — people thrown in labor camps only for their convictions — but also people charged with betraying the old order.

Packed in a tight room in the offices of a Moscow journal, the men seemed still a bit disoriented. Conditions at Perm 35 improved after the August coup, they said, and "for the last two months we just lived there," said Alexander Dolzhenko, a deserter from the Strategic Missile Forces.

One, Igor Fedotkin, a 24-year-old former prison guard who tried to hijack a plane, had found religion in camp and now talked serenely of dedicating his life to a school for orphans.

Another, Viktor Makarov, 37, a former code-breaker for the KGB, vented rage at a Russia he saw as the direct successor to the Soviet dictatorship, and looked to quit a country he described as simply "a larger political labor camp."

And Vladimir Potashov, 42, argued the exact opposite. A former researcher with the Institute of the U.S.A. and Canada who had served five and a half years of a 13-year term, he said it was necessary to acknowledge how much the country had changed.

He views Mr. Yeltsin somewhere between Lenin and Napoleon: "Napoleon created a democracy using an empire. Lenin did the opposite, creating an empire behind the cover of democracy. Now Yeltsin is allowing the empire to fall apart in the name of people's power."



NO SURPRISE — President Bush, with Vice President Dan Quayle, announcing Wednesday he would seek re-election. Page 3.

Reform Mood On Economy Is Picking Up In Beijing

Some Officials Report Hard-Liners Yielding To Moderate Faction

By Sheryl WuDunn
New York Times Service

BEIJING — Some Chinese officials say they see momentum building within the leadership to accelerate economic reform while toning down the hard-line oratory that has dominated the press and the airwaves for more than two years.

Since the reappearance of the senior leader, Deng Xiaoping, in southern China last month and on television last week, some Chinese say they are guardedly optimistic that moderates may be gaining ground. Economists and other officials have been excitedly discussing the prospects for expanding reforms that have been almost stagnant for two years.

"There won't be an overwhelming breakthrough," said a Chinese who in the past has been generally pessimistic about liberalization. "But the mood has definitely changed over the last month."

The official Chinese press imposed a virtual blackout on Mr. Deng's excursion to the capitalist-style special economic zones of Shenzhen and Zhuhai.

But many intellectuals and officials who learned of the trips from foreign journalists and international radio broadcasts see them as an attempt by Mr. Deng to show full support for liberalization and to put development back atop the national agenda.

"Whoever is opposed to reform must leave office," Mr. Deng was quoted as saying in Wen Wei Po, a Beijing-controlled newspaper in Hong Kong.

In the past few weeks, top officials have been echoing the policy of economic openness with new verve.

President Yang Shangkun called for reform during his trip south to meet with Mr. Deng, and at a recent gathering of military officers he also called on the army to support reform, according to an official with close ties to the army.

In the past, Prime Minister Li Peng has generally been wary of any rapid steps to liberalize the economy. But last month, he told a gathering of provincial governors that the country had to "quicken the pace of reform," and he raised the issue of bankruptcy as crucial in changing state-run enterprises, said a Chinese official who was present.

"We must be able to fire people," Mr. Li reportedly said at the meeting. "You guys figure out the percentage."

In the past, state enterprises have almost never dismissed employees except for criminal misconduct. Layoffs were seen as the downside of capitalism, so it is startling for Mr. Li to urge giving such authority to managers.

Some Chinese contrasted Mr. Li's remarks to those he made on a visit to Shanghai in November, when he said that a new development area there called Pudong should not be based on the Shenzhen special economic zone. But Mr. Deng's visit to Shenzhen apparently has restored Shenzhen to the status of a model.

On that same trip in November, Mr. Li also reportedly criticized pro-development articles that had appeared in the official Shanghai Liberation Daily a year earlier.

But an article in the paper last week adopted an even more reformist line, citing Mr. Deng several times and suggesting that the best way to preserve socialism is not to wage ideological campaigns but to make people more prosperous.

The article also made favorable mention of the 13th Chinese Communist Party Congress, held in 1987, when the government's program of economic and political reform was at its peak.

The congress was directed by the former Communist Party leader, Zhao Ziyang, now in disgrace. The article was one of the first recently to mention the 13th congress in a favorable way.

Essentially, the dispute concerns priorities. The moderate faction, led by Mr. Deng, believes that the main emphasis should be on more rapid growth and that ideological correctness is of secondary importance.

The hard-line faction, whose patron is the chairman of the Central Advisory Commission, Chen Yun, also wants economic growth but believes that ideological vigilance is crucial to resist capitalist subversion.

With Unified Effort Failing, Russia Will Form Own Armed Forces

By Fred Hiatt
Washington Post Service

MOSCOW — Senior military advisers to President Boris N. Yeltsin, in a tacit acknowledgment that the post-Soviet Commonwealth of Independent States has failed to work as planned, said Wednesday that Russia will soon establish its own armed forces.

General Dmitri Volkogonov, in an interview published Wednesday in the Russian newspaper Nezavisimaya Gazeta, said Russia should assume command of all former Soviet armed forces in Russia and beyond the borders of the Commonwealth, such as in Germany and the Baltic states.

He said "there will be a decree by the president" to that effect, most likely after Mr. Yeltsin meets with other republican leaders in Minsk on Friday.

General Konstantin Kobets, another senior adviser, proposed in a separate interview a formula for dividing the tanks, aircraft and other military equipment among the republics of the former Soviet Union.

Without such a parceling-out of forces, he said, Russia and the other republics will be unable to comply with international treaties on reductions of conventional forces.

Such an action by Russia would represent an admission that the Commonwealth, which was

supposed to maintain a unified armed force under a collective leadership, has been unable to fulfill this function.

Deferring to other republics' fears of a resurgent imperial Russia, Mr. Yeltsin had repeatedly said that his state would not be the first to establish its own army, but Ukraine and other republics already have gone their own way.

A decision by Russia to establish its own armed force might ease the main source of tension between Russia and Ukraine, the two Slavic giants in the new Commonwealth. It also might calm some of the anxiety among military officers who have not known whose orders they should follow.

But it will leave unresolved the more complicated issue of how to divvy up the old Soviet military, a problem that a unified command was supposed to avoid. The well-publicized argument between Ukraine and Russia over who owns the Black Sea Fleet is now being subsumed into a much wider conflict over how to divide all the ships, aircraft and tanks of the former superpower.

All republics remain in agreement that nuclear forces should remain under a unified command led by Mr. Yeltsin. But they have agreed to give up their nuclear weapons within a defined term. The fourth nuclear republic, Kazakhstan, has not made such a public

declaration, but U.S. officials have stated that Kazakhstan, too, has agreed to leave Russia as the sole nuclear state within a few years.

General Volkogonov also said that the creation of a Russian armed force should not spell the end of unified armed forces even in the nonnuclear field, at least at first. In the "opening stages," he said, as much as 55 percent of the former Soviet armed force could remain under the joint command of General Yevgeni I. Shaposhnikov and the Commonwealth.

But other republics do not seem likely to agree to that formulation. Ukraine, Belarus and

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Clinton Releases a Damaging Letter

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas released a 1969 letter on Wednesday that he wrote to the head of a reserve officers training program in which he thanked the officer for "saving me from the draft" in a war "I opposed and despised."

The letter, which confirmed that he had maneuvered to avoid service in the Vietnam War, was certain to cause further damage to Mr. Clinton's campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination.

He has been harmed by a published allegation of marital infidelity, which he has denied, and by questions over his draft status. His lead in the New Hampshire primary

election has slipped away in recent weeks. Mr. Clinton is among five major Democrats seeking his party's nomination to run against President George Bush in the November election. The Feb. 18 New Hampshire primary is the first in the nation.

Until recently, Mr. Clinton was thought to be the Democrat with the best chance to defeat Mr. Bush in a year when the party professionals judged the Republicans to be the most vulnerable since 1976.

The letter, dated Dec. 3, 1969, was sent on a University College letterhead from Oxford University where Mr. Clinton was in graduate school at the time. It was written to

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Tyson's Vanished Millions: Boxing's Oldest Tale

By Bill Brubaker
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — If Mike Tyson goes to prison he will leave behind a huge Ohio mansion, a multimillion-dollar jewelry collection and a fleet of 30 telephone-equipped cars, but only a small percentage of the money he earned during his heavyweight championship career, according to boxing sources and legal documents.

Tyson, who was convicted Monday night of one count of raping an 18-year-old Miss Black America contestant and two counts of criminal deviate conduct, earned an estimated \$100 million in gross purses, TV-rights fees and product endorsement revenue during his seven-year

reign as one of the most recognizable sports figures in the world.

But Tyson said his net worth was less than \$15 million last year — and there is evidence that it is falling fast. Over the last 12 months, Tyson has spent an estimated \$5 million on legal fees and shopping sprees, according to boxing and legal sources.

"I spent a lot," Tyson said, explaining in a deposition last year why his net worth may have dropped. "Yeah," Tyson added in an interview last fall, "I got a lot of goodies."

Tyson, 25, is far from broke. But, if his appeal in the Indianapolis rape case fails, he will hang up his gloves with an image the boxing industry cannot shake: that of the undereducated, financially unsophisticated gladi-

ator who frittered away much of his earnings on high living, legal entanglements and fees to managers and promoters.

For the rape case, Tyson will pay Williams & Connolly, a Washington-based law firm, an estimated \$2 million, sources say. But even before Tyson was indicted last fall, he had paid "several million dollars" to lawyers to defend him in lawsuits that alleged libel, breach-of-contract and sexual assault, according to Tyson's chief adviser, Don King.

Details of Tyson's financial life emerged from interviews last fall with the boxer and his associates and an examination of more than 5,000 pages of affidavits, depositions and ex-

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Klauson Kaaber/The Associated Press

A Fine Day for France

Fabrice Guy, in photo, gave France its expected gold Wednesday in the Nordic combined event at the Winter Olympics, with Sylvain Guillaume giving the host country an unexpected silver. Then the

hockey team finally ended its string of heart-wrenching losses and kept alive its medal hopes with a 4-3 victory over Switzerland. Earlier, Edgar Grosjeon and Olivier Allamand had given France a 1-2 start in the race for the first Olympic gold medal in freestyle skiing.

Kronberger Stays Up

Petra Kronberger of Austria won the downhill part of the combined, with Krista Schmidinger of the United States a surprising second. What was not surprising: more skiers fell, more were hurt. Olympic report: Pages 20 and 21

Bobsledding for the Gold Under the Taint of Stasi

By Stephen Kinzer
New York Times Service

BONN — When the German four-man bobsled team starts its run down the icy Olympic course at La Plagne, France, a week from Friday, the man driving the sled will be a former secret police informer who once spied on his three teammates.

The driver, Harald Czudaj, recently acknowledged that he was one of the hundreds of thousands of people in the former East Germany who had worked as an informer for the hated and feared secret police, the Stasi. "I was no hero," Czudaj said in an interview this week. "I know that I am morally guilty."

Practically every important institution in Germany, including churches, universities and political parties, has already been shaken by such admissions. Many Germans have been expecting the scandal to spread into the world of sports, and the Czudaj case suggests that it has.

"I knew this was going to happen sooner or later," said Walther Troger, the secretary of the German Olympic Committee. "A lot is going to be dug up."

In recent weeks, several sports stars from Eastern Germany have conceded that they were Stasi informers. Czudaj, however, is the first member of the Olympic team to have made such an acknowledgment. He did so after being identified by a Dresden newspaper.

Few Germans are surprised to learn that the Stasi spied on athletes. It was widely understood that East German teams rarely if ever traveled abroad without Stasi informers. Still, many are shocked to learn that the informers included some of the country's most prominent sports heroes.

Like many former informers, Czudaj has said he was pressured into collaborating. According to his account, he was stopped by police while driving drunk one day in 1988.

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Yo: France Strikes Blow for Culcha

International Herald Tribune

PARIS — The French usually like to congratulate Americans who flail at the establishment back home, so here is real news: Culture Minister Jack Lang, who back during the Cold War used to talk about American imperialism, will be pinning the medal of the order of Arts and Letters next week on none other than Rambo.

At the ministry, nobody seems to be batting an eyelash, and a spokeswoman said that the honor was to show France's "attachment to the United States" and its respect for "all the arts" that it produces.

She added that Sylvester Stallone was good box office and that it was important to "recognize the public's taste."

Everybody mells. It may not be obvious, but Sylvester Stallone and Jack Lang have been growing closer.

Lang has been welcoming American conquest in the form of graffiti, rap and break dancing, while Stallone has been carefully showing that he's not Rambo, but a sensitive individual with aesthetic taste.

He wears those big intellectual glasses, and last March sat front row at the ready-to-wear fashion collections, admiring the cutting and draping skills of those ultimate sissies, fashion designers.

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Another Dow Record

Dow Close
Up
25.26
3,276.83

U.S. stocks rose to new highs on Wednesday, powered by computer-driven buying orders and a favorable reaction to the Treasury's auction of \$11 billion of 10-year notes.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 25.26 points higher at 3,276.83, surpassing the previous high by about four points. Page 12.

Business/Finance

An EC industrial plan offers little financial backing. Page 11.

Tomorrow
It rises like a city of the future on a flat island in the Guadalquivir River: Seville's Universal Exposition is scheduled to open April 20. A visitors' guide in Leisure.

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WORLD BRIEFS

Miyazawa Rebuffs Bonn: No Islands, No More Russia Aid

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO — Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa rebuffed a renewed German appeal Wednesday for large-scale Japanese aid to the former Soviet Union...

Outrage Over Arafat's Taped Insults

By Barry James International Herald Tribune PARIS — French and Israeli politicians reacted with repugnance Wednesday to anti-Semitic remarks and insults to France attributed to Yasser Arafat...

At this, Mr. Arafat allegedly replied: "The Jews at work! Damn their fathers! The dogs! Filth! Dirt!" "Garbage is always garbage."

Paris Calls For Airbus A-320 Checks

PARIS (AP) — France's civil aviation agency recommended Wednesday that all airlines flying the Airbus A-320 review their procedures for using the VOR-DME beacon system for landing.

U.S. Is Target of Bombing in Lima

LIMA (AP) — The police set up checkpoints and bomb squads were deployed throughout the capital Wednesday after a car bomb exploded outside the U.S. ambassador's home...

4 Arrested in Algiers Police Killings

ALGIERS (Reuters) — Security forces have arrested four members of a Muslim extremist group suspected of killing six policemen in the Algerian state-run television said Wednesday.

'Christmas Miracle' Pilot May Quit

STOCKHOLM (Reuters) — Stefan Rasmussen, a Danish pilot whose heroism in the Dec. 27 crash-landing of a Scandinavian Airlines System jet was confirmed by an investigators' report...

Chile Says Honecker's Health Fails

SANTIAGO (Reuters) — The former East German leader, Erich Honecker, is in failing health after two months in refuge in Chile's Moscow embassy and needs to be hospitalized...

UN Chief Calls For Somali Cease-Fire

UNITED NATIONS, New York (Reuters) — As fierce fighting erupted in Somalia, Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali on Wednesday called for a cease-fire and ways to begin extensive humanitarian aid...

A Wary Baker Gets Azerbaijan Pledge

By David Hoffman Washington Post Service BAKU, Azerbaijan — Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d said Wednesday that he received pledges from President Ayaz N. Mutalibov to adhere to the principles of democracy, protection of human rights and free market economics...



BCCI EXTRADITION APPROVED — Seyed Ziauddin Ali Akbar, a former official of the Bank of Credit & Commerce International, leaving a court in Douai, France, with a police officer Wednesday after an extradition request from the United States was approved.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Lufthansa Expands in East Europe FRANKFURT (AFP) — The German airline Lufthansa announced Wednesday that flights to Eastern Europe will be increased substantially as of March 29.

The Weather

Forecast for Friday through Sunday. Includes maps of North America, Europe, and Asia with weather symbols and a table of weather data for various cities.

Tripoli to Aid Inquiry Into French Jet Blast

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches UNITED NATIONS, New York — Libya has agreed to cooperate with French authorities in their investigation of the 1989 bombing of a French UTA airliner over Niger...

Lawyer Says Libyans Can Be Tried Abroad

TUNIS — A lawyer for two Libyans charged with blowing up a Pan Am airliner over Scotland in 1988 said Wednesday that they could be tried outside Libya...

IRA Admits Planting Latest Bomb in London

DUBLIN — The Irish Republican Army took responsibility Wednesday for planting a bomb in central London during a visit by Vice President Dan Quayle.

Kohl Backers May Block Pact to Open Borders

BONN — Chancellor Helmut Kohl's cabinet approved a landmark treaty on Wednesday that would end border controls among West European nations on Jan. 1, 1993.

Mitterrand Brushes Off Library Criticism

PARIS — After President Francois Mitterrand personally selected the design for France's new national library 30 months ago, the architect, librarians and other experts who fiercely campaigned against it knew he would have the last word.

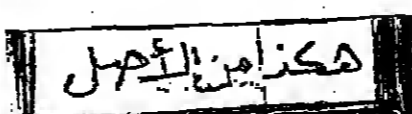
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Congo Puts Off Referendum

BRAZZAVILLE, Congo — Congo's interim legislature has postponed indefinitely a constitutional referendum due to be held Sunday because of irregularities in compiling lists of voters.

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Bill Clinton discussing the 1969 letter Wednesday that contained his views on the draft.

CLINTON: Damaging Letter

(Continued from page 1) Colonel Eugene Holmes...

Soon afterward he was reclassified as I-A, or draft-eligible...

His voice rose until he was practically shrieking. His head jerked abruptly...

He released the letter to preempt its publication by ABC...

The leak violates the Federal Privacy Act...

Just before he disclosed the letter, Mr. Clinton tried to lower expectations...

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Senator Tom Harkin being congratulated in New Hampshire after he won the Democratic caucuses in his home state of Iowa.

Doing What He Has to, Bush Declares for 2d Term

By John E. Yang Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — In a Houston hotel ballroom last fall...

His voice rose until he was practically shrieking. His head jerked abruptly...

edy routines are made: quirky, frenzied and a bit shrill. It was a sharp contrast to the commander in chief who led the nation through the Gulf War...

Four years ago, he told the American people "I am that man" who should sit in the Oval Office and the American people agreed...

"Bush is kind of an empty vessel," said Alan Brinkley, a Columbia University historian and a liberal. "The public's enthusiasm for him rests on his performance and not on his merit."

Announcing his official candidacy on Wednesday, Mr. Bush evoked the patriotic and conservative "family-oriented" themes that Ronald Reagan used effectively in two presidential campaigns...

sharply attacked the Democratic majority in Congress as obstructionist and focused on a Republican agenda that he said would emphasize rebuilding the U.S. economy, restoring "decency," fighting "battered and gloom," and reforming "our dismal welfare system."

Six months ago, his approval ratings still high after the Gulf War, it appeared that all Mr. Bush would have to do to win re-election was to show up. But as worries mount about the economy, polls show that voters are increasingly open to considering a Democrat.

New Shape of Pork-Barrel Politics Protecting Military Industries Is Hard Sell for Legislators

By Eric Schmitt New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The military threat from what was once the Soviet Union has all but vanished. The Pentagon has grudgingly pointed its spending plans downward...

Representative Thomas J. Downey, Democrat of New York, is rallying his state's powerful congressional delegation to salvage financing for the Grumman Corp.'s F-14 fighter plane.

By wrapping them in the broader mantle of national security priorities like preserving "industrial base," the factories that build certain crucial weapons...

Recognizing that, lawmakers are more willing to compromise than they have been in the past. Mr. Dodd, for example, has written off hopes to regain the submarine-year building pace the Navy had planned for the Seawolf.

Bush Speeds Ban on Chemicals To Help Protect Ozone Layer

By Michael Weisskopf Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The United States will stop making certain industrial chemicals four years earlier than planned because of new estimates of their damage to the protective ozone layer over the Northern Hemisphere.

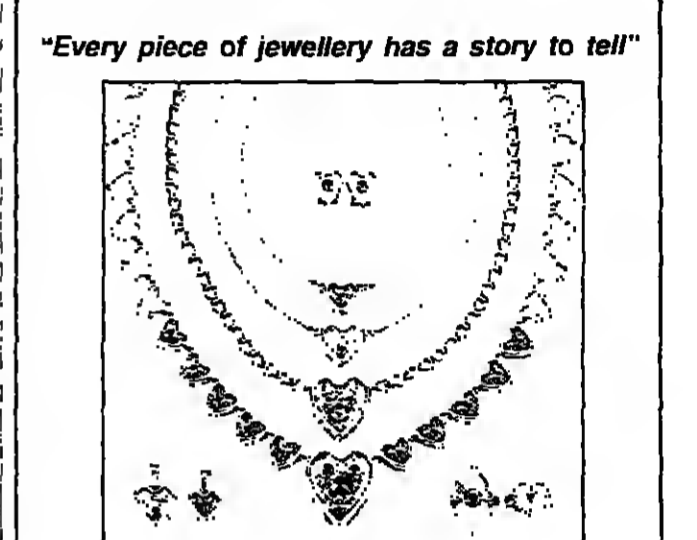
A pledge by President George Bush to halt production of chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs, by Dec. 31, 1995, commits the United States to a faster phasout schedule than most of the industrialized nations that signed the Montreal Protocol of 1987.

phaseout of many substitute chemicals already in use that are less damaging but still erode the ozone layer. The layer in the stratosphere screens out much harmful ultraviolet radiation, which can cause skin cancer, cataracts and damage to the immune system.

Under the terms of the Clean Air Act amendments of 1990, Mr. Bush is authorized to accelerate the phasout schedule without new laws or congressional action.

foam-blowing agents. By 1986, the world was producing 720 million pounds (325 million kilograms) of the chemicals per year. Such a large quantity of CFCs has been released into the atmosphere in the last 20 years that there is no way of stopping continued depletion of the ozone shield.

Last week, scientists of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration reported that a converted spy plane flying over New England and eastern Canada had recorded the highest level of ozone-threatening chlorine compounds ever measured anywhere in the world.



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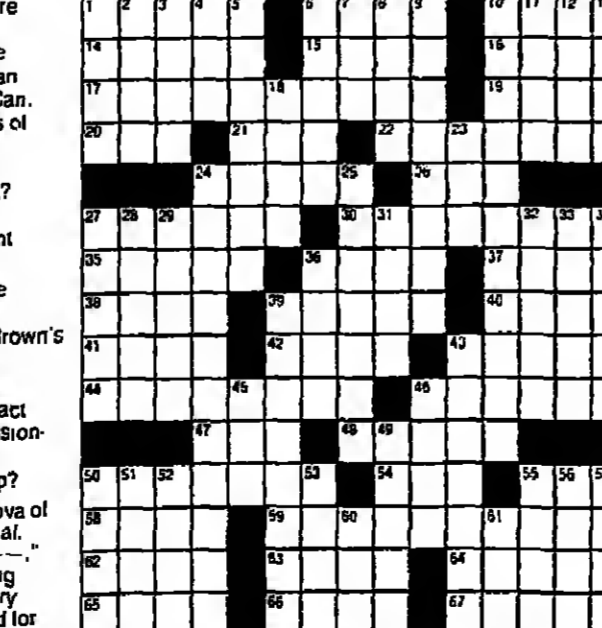
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Emphasizing UN's Peace Role

An Architect of Soviet 'New Thinking' Gets Deputy Post

By John M. Goshko
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — UN Secretary-General Butros Ghali's choice of deputies has pushed a senior diplomat of the defunct Soviet Union, Vladimir Petrovsky, to the fore in efforts to make the United Nations a major force for peacemaking in the post-Cold War era.

The appointment follows Mr. Butros Ghali's move last week to streamline the Secretariat by cutting the number of people with rank of deputy secretary-general from about 20 to eight, an action that was described by one diplomat as a "first cut" at getting the unwieldy, near-bankrupt world body on a firm financial and management footing.

Of the new faces brought in by Mr. Butros Ghali, most attention focused on Mr. Petrovsky, a former Soviet deputy foreign minister, who was named one of two undersecretaries general for political affairs. With responsibility for dealing with the Security Council and the General Assembly and handling disarmament and major peacemaking problems, Mr. Petrovsky's status in the UN hierarchy will be second only to Mr. Butros Ghali's.

Mr. Petrovsky has a reputation as one of a small group of intellectuals who helped influence the former Soviet leader, Mikhail S. Gorbachev, toward the "new thinking" that culminated in the Soviet Union's abandonment of Marxism and its subsequent breakup. Mr. Petrovsky was a leading advocate of the idea that the Soviet Union should abandon its superpower competition with the United States and cooperate with its old Cold War rival to make the United Nations the centerpiece of a "new world order."

Some UN diplomatic sources said they believed Mr. Butros Ghali had wanted to make Mr. Petrovsky his sole political deputy. However, the sources continued, he faced a possible revolt from African members disturbed by the shrinking influence of the Third World bloc and named James O.C. Jonah of Sierra Leone to a second political undersecretary post. Mr. Jonah will be responsible for peacemaking in Africa and parts of the Middle East.

The other potentially important new figure is Dick Thornburgh, the former U.S. attorney general who is expected to become undersecretary-general for management and budget. That represents a shift in emphasis by the United States, which in recent years has had a lock on the post of undersecretary for General Assembly affairs, a responsibility now under Mr. Petrovsky.

For more than a decade, U.S. administrations have demanded a wholesale cleanup of what they call the UN's profligate mismanagement and pork-barrel dispensing of jobs and benefits to the Third World countries that dominate the membership. In the process, congressional attempts to punish the United Nations for its failure to reform have resulted in the United States running up a bill for past dues and peacekeeping operations that now totals about \$737 million.

UN sources say that if Mr. Thornburgh takes the job, Mr. Butros Ghali will gain three big advantages. He will have the weight of the world's only remaining superpower directly behind the reform effort; he will be giving the United States a chance to show that its ideas about reform are workable; and he will have a deputy who stands a better chance than anyone else at the UN of making the United States pay its arrears.

EUROPEAN TOPICS

British Parliament Debates Hunting Ban

A war of words has erupted in Britain between hunters and animal protectionists over a bill that would ban traditional British fox and deer hunting, as well as hare-coursing.

The House of Commons is to consider the bill Friday. The Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill, proposed by Kevin McNamara, a member of Parliament from the opposition Labor Party, would outlaw hunting with hounds and make it an offense to "cruelly ill-treat" an animal.

The Campaign for Hunting, a recently formed lobby, launched an advertising campaign this week describing foxes as "cruel and ruthless predators" and saying that the end of hunting would be a tragedy for the countryside. Pro-hunt lobbyists said hunt opponents would call for a ban on fishing next.

The hunters' main opponent, the League Against Cruel Sports, said the hunting lobby was using

scare tactics. The group, whose objective is to outlaw blood sports, said a Gallup poll conducted a few months ago showed that 79 percent of Britons opposed hunting.

The bill has little chance of becoming law during the current Parliament because general elections are expected this spring. But hunting opponents said the debate in the House of Commons would show that a majority supports the ban. About 48,000 people hunt in Britain with packs of hounds.

Around Europe

The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency has decided to place all orchid species in Sweden under protection because of worsening environmental conditions. "Due to continued harvesting of natural stands, coupled with overgrown meadows, aerial pollution and draining of swamps, 18 of Sweden's 42 orchid species are now endangered," Marianne Gransberg, an agency official, said this week. Until recently, an orchid species protected by law in one county could be unprotected in the next. Those caught violating the new law could be fined or receive a prison sentence of up to six months.

Belgium is wondering what to do with the remains of 70 soldiers who were killed in 1745 at the Battle of Fontenoy during the War of the Austrian Succession. Archeologists unearthed the skeletons last week near the Belgian village, the site of a battle between French troops and an Anglo-Dutch army in which about 5,000 soldiers were killed. Local officials said the skeletons may be buried in a mass grave unless they are claimed by the countries who were involved in the war. But it may prove impossible to determine the nationalities of the soldiers, who were stripped of their clothing, probably by villagers, and buried in three layers.

Palazzo Del Bo, seat of the University of Padua in northern Italy, faces the threat of being sold at auction. The palace, where Galileo taught in the 17th century, was seized by judicial authorities after 18 physicians successfully sued the university for not paying them for their work. The doctors told a labor tribunal that the university owed them 730 million lire (\$600,000) for unpaid overtime work from 1983 to 1989. Magistrates can order the palace to be auctioned if the university does not pay up.

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AIDS Infections Exceed Worldwide Projections

By Marlene Cimons
Los Angeles Times Service

WASHINGTON — The global AIDS epidemic is worsening faster than experts earlier believed, according to new figures released by the World Health Organization. WHO predicted in 1988 that by 2000 there would be 15 million to 20 million adults infected with the virus that causes AIDS. But in the past four years, increases in infections in sub-Saharan Africa and south and Southeast Asia have suggested that 15 million to 20 million may be infected by the mid- or late-1990s, the United Nations agency said in a report.

Recent information indicated, for example, that 3 million infections have occurred in the past three to four years, most of them in these two regions, the agency said. Since April 1991 more than 1 million new infections have occurred worldwide.

The world has seen what appeared at first to be an illness largely confined to homosexual men and drug injectors in industrialized countries become a pandemic affecting millions of men, women and children on all continents, the report said.

million to 11 million adults and 1 million children worldwide have become infected with the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, which causes AIDS. Of these, about 1.5 million adults and 300,000 children have developed AIDS — an increase of about 500,000 cases since April. WHO projected that 30 million to 40 million adults and children would become infected with HIV by the turn of the century.

Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, the U.S. government's top AIDS researcher, called the numbers "disturbingly high, but not surprising when you look at the numbers of people continuing to practice potentially risky behaviors."

In the United States, there has been more than 200,000 cases of AIDS, and about 1 million persons are believed to be infected with HIV.

4 Die in Russian Avalanche

Reuters

MOSCOW — Four persons were killed and two others are missing after an avalanche in the southern Russian republic of Dagestan, Russian radio said Wednesday.

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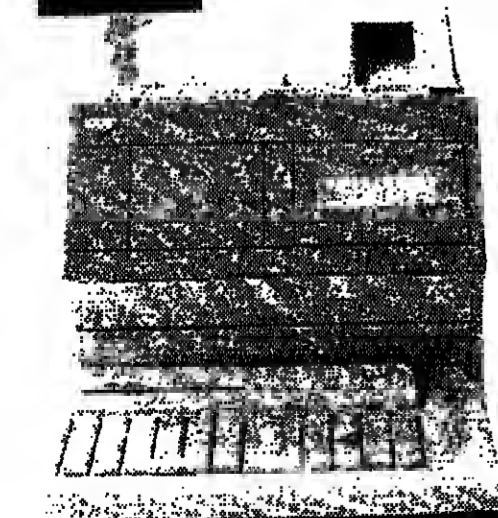
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Pakistan Police Fire At Kashmiri March, 10 Die and 150 Hurt

By Edward A. Gargan
New York Times Service

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — A march by Kashmiri militants toward the tense, mountainous border between Indian and Pakistan-controlled Kashmir erupted in violence Wednesday when the police fired on the protesters, killing at least 10 marchers and wounding as many as 150. Shortly afterward, the police arrested the protest's leader and 150 of his supporters.

The procession, organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front, a guerrilla group conducting hit-and-run warfare against Indian troops in Kashmir, was attempting to march across the border into India to highlight its demand for the independence of the predominantly Muslim territory.

Tensions between India and Pakistan over Kashmir, two-thirds of which is controlled by India, have been rising rapidly in recent weeks. Last month, a militant Hindu leader led a small procession of followers to Kashmir's capital of Srinagar to unfurl the Indian flag in a gesture intended to demonstrate India's sovereignty over its portion of the region.

Yet, only with the presence of tens of thousands of heavily armed troops and under a total curfew in the Kashmir Valley was the Hindu leader able to display the Indian flag.

Tuesday, with thousands of supporters trailing behind him, Amanullah Khan, the Kashmir Liberation Front leader on the Pakistani side of the border, struggled toward the border, climbing over barricades erected by security forces.

As he began the march, he declared that he was ready to die for Kashmir. "It is not important who leads," Mr. Khan said as he set out from Muzaffarabad. "But I wish, and I will get, the first Indian bullet."

Pakistan's prime minister, Nawaz Sharif, clearly alarmed at the threat to the uneasy peace that prevails along the border, and worried about fundamentalist criticisms of his posture toward India, met with reporters Wednesday.

"The insistence of Mr. Amanullah to lead some innocent Kashmiris to the Indian firing line across the line of control is like throwing innocent people into the fire," he said. "The government of Azad Jammu and Kashmir is therefore taking all possible measures to prevent these people from crossing the line of control."

After his news conference, Mr.

Sharif drew aside several foreign reporters to make a separate appeal for a settlement of the Kashmir problem.

Mr. Sharif, who was elected partly by promising support for Kashmir separatists fighting in the Kashmir Valley, has come under growing criticism from Islamic fundamentalists for not being more aggressive in his dealings with India on the issue.

Qazi Hussain, head of Jamat-e-Islami, the leading Islamic fundamentalist party, said that the government should be providing more arms and training for Kashmiri guerrillas. Mr. Hussain said he and his party have become disillusioned with Mr. Sharif's government on a whole raft of issues, including the slow pace of Islamization.

Mr. Sharif has relied on the support of the Jamat party and has encouraged their efforts to introduce more rigorous Islamic practices in Pakistan, including Sharia law courts, which render judgments according to Islamic law.

In the last year, the fundamentalists have been pressuring Mr. Sharif to speed up the introduction of more orthodox Islamic principles, including the elimination of monetary interest from banking.

On Kashmir, however, Mr. Sharif has been caught between his efforts to engage his Indian counterpart, P. V. Narasimha Rao, in a dialogue over the issue and his wary fundamentalist supporters. As a result, the march by the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front placed him in the untenable position of wanting neither to antagonize the Indians, who said they would shoot anyone who crossed the border illegally, nor to be seen as violently attacking Kashmiris opposed to Indian rule over Kashmir.

"It has put Pakistan into a very difficult situation," the prime minister said. "We can prevent them today, we will try and do that. We can do this again but how far can we keep on doing this if they insist on trying to cross the line of control."

"This is something that of course is a great problem and India, the world community must see what Pakistan has done today to stop the Kashmiris from crossing the line of control. It will be difficult for us to do it again and again."

And then, in his most sober moment, he declared, "We've had three wars with India. We don't want to have a fourth war. But the dispute there has to be resolved now."

On Sleeping Dog Hill, Battle Is Fought for Burma's Future

By William Branigin
Washington Post Service

MANERPLAW, Burma — Surrounded by some of the world's most forbidding jungle, outnumbered guerrillas of Asia's oldest continuing insurgency are battling troops of the Burmese military government for control of a mountain top called Sleeping Dog Hill.

It is a battle that opponents of the military junta that rules Burma say could determine the future not only of the 43-year-old Karen ethnic rebellion, but also of Burma's beleaguered democracy movement.

The Karen rebels, led mainly by Baptists and other Christian converts, are fighting to defend this sprawling jungle camp that Burmese troops have been trying to capture for nearly 20 years.

Overlooking the Moei River, which forms part of the border between Burma and Thailand, Manerplaw serves both as the capital of "Kawthoolee," the independent state that the Karens have long dreamed of establishing, and, since December 1990, as the seat of the National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma, a shadow administration of the mainstream Burmese opposition.

The junta, known as the State Law and Order Restoration Council, changed the name of the country to Myanmar in 1989, but the ethnic minorities and the opposition reject the change. Although the

opposition National League for Democracy, led by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, won a landslide victory over junta-backed candidates in May 1990 elections, the junta has refused to honor the results. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, who won the Nobel Peace Prize last year, has been under house arrest since July 1989 in Rangoon, the capital.

"If we lose Manerplaw," said Sein Win, an elected legislator who heads the coalition shadow government, the junta "will make a lot of propaganda that would demoralize people inside Burma."

"It's the last stand for the democracy movement in Burma," said Saw Wallace, a Karen Baptist activist with the opposition Karen Refugee Committee. "If the Karens had no more base, I don't think the other groups would have a chance."

The battle for Sleeping Dog Hill, a 1,200-meter (4,000-foot) peak about 10 kilometers (six miles) west of Manerplaw on the western bank of the Salween River, represents the Burmese Army's most ambitious attempt to take the camp.

The capture of Sleeping Dog Hill would enable the Burmese troops to post heavy guns there, shell other Karen positions and cover a crossing of the Salween toward Manerplaw.

The Burmese troops have made significant headway against the Karens, in part because of their increased use of Thai territory to stage attacks dur-

ing the current dry season. The Karens themselves have long used sanctuaries in Thailand.

Although the Burmese junta is widely viewed as one of the world's most repressive military dictatorships, it has improved relations with the Thai armed forces by granting lucrative logging and fishing concessions to Thai interests with military connections.

According to Bo Mya, the leader of the Karen insurgents, the junta has used more troops and heavier weapons in its campaign against Manerplaw since December than in previous dry seasons. In a three-pronged attack using up to 7,000 soldiers and thousands of civilians brutally coerced into forced labor as porters, he said, the Burmese Army has advanced closer to the strategic base than ever before.

Bo Mya said that nearly 3,000 of his soldiers were defending the area. He said Chinese military advisers had been seen helping the Burmese forces to use new 120mm mortars supplied by Beijing as part of an arms deal reportedly totaling at least \$1.2 billion.

Sitting under a thatched-roof shelter on a hilltop east of the Salween last week, Bo Mya followed the battle on a walkie-talkie as the two sides traded mortar and small-arms fire in the dense malarial jungle on the mountainside.

He said the army was bogged down and taking relatively heavy casualties; units could be heard quarreling among themselves over their radios, he

said. But he expressed concern that the junta's troops could cross into Thailand or attack Manerplaw from the air.

"We are worried, but what else can we do?" he said. "It is our duty to defend ourselves. We are determined to hold this position."

The Karens, the largest ethnic minority in the country, are believed to number about 3.5 million; Burma's population is 39 million. The Karen army is estimated to field up to 4,000 regular fighters, as well as village defense forces.

While the great majority of Karens are Buddhists or animists, the rebel movement's leadership is dominated by Christians, who account for about 15 percent of the Karen population.

Expecting independence after World War II, the Karens began their insurgency in 1949 and today are probably the strongest of at least a dozen ethnic groups battling the government. Unlike some other rebel groups, however, the Karens have shunned drug trafficking as a means of financing their activities.

Instead, they have generated income by taxing trade with Thailand and selling timber products, cattle and precious stones. However, the previously isolationist central government stripped the Karens of much of their revenue by legalizing cross-border trade in 1989.

Quietly, More Vietnamese Go Home

British Force 36 More Refugees to Leave Hong Kong

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

HONG KONG — The British colonial government forced 36 Vietnamese refugees to return home Wednesday, the first mandatory repatriation this year from Hong Kong's crowded detention camps.

Officials were relieved at the smoothness of the expulsion, which was conducted without incident but many acknowledged that much greater challenges lie ahead before Hong Kong can achieve its goal of emptying its refugee camps.

A gauntlet of police officers guided 14 men, 9 women, 7 boys and 6 girls on board a Hercules C-130 transport plane bound for Hanoi. Parents carried sullen children up the ramp into the belly of the aircraft in drizzling rain.

No physical force appears to have been used this time. Police tossed screaming Vietnamese on board a plane on Nov. 9, the first forcible repatriation in almost two years.

Next comes the difficult task of trying to force back the bulk of Hong Kong's 54,476 Vietnamese.

Vietnam has agreed to accept the forcible repatriation only of Vietnamese who arrived in Hong Kong after Oct. 29, the date Vietnam and Britain signed a broad agreement to send these refugees home. In all,

only 14 such "boat people" remain in Hong Kong.

British authorities still have to work out with the authorities in Hanoi how to return those Vietnamese who have lived in Hong Kong for years.

"Things may be more difficult now, but what we're aiming for is repatriating small groups, trying to minimize potential difficulties," said Clinton Leeks, Hong Kong's refugee coordinator.

Hanoi appears to be angling for more aid in exchange for an agreement to accept the returning refugees.

At least 3,000 Vietnamese are waiting to return under a voluntary repatriation plan, but Vietnam says it can only take four or five flights a month.

"We have to get the full cooperation of the Vietnamese government," said Rita Fan, a legislator who has been vocal on Vietnamese refugee issues. "The framework is already there, but it's a delicate matter."

The British colony wants to avoid a repetition of the incident Feb. 4 at the Sek Kong detention camp, when 23 Vietnamese were hauled to death after a riot involving hundreds of rival northern and southern Vietnamese. At total of 152 Vietnamese have been charged in connection with the riot. (AP, Reuters)



Two Vietnamese boys boarding a plane in Hong Kong on Wednesday for the forced return to Hanoi.

Paris Offers to Help Hanoi Fight Japan Economic Might

Agence France-Press

HANOI — The French secretary of state for foreign trade, Jean-Noël Jeanneney, offered Vietnam help Wednesday to preserve its independence against any Japanese economic invasion.

"France can, I believe, help strengthen your independence against powerful forces from the region," he said, during a meeting

with the Vietnamese prime minister, Vo Van Kiet.

Mr. Jeanneney warned Mr. Kiet that while Japanese economic power was an important asset it also "holds some dangers."

About 15 large companies from Japan, Asia's dominant economic power in recent years, have opened offices in Vietnam.

The Vietnamese leader said that he was aware of the pressures foreign economic powers could exert on his country.

"The risk of war is long gone, but threats from economic powers live on," Mr. Kiet said.

"To overcome foreign economic pressures, we think it's necessary to maintain our independence at all costs."

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On Moon, Concrete Digs?

All You Need From Earth Is Hydrogen, Scientist Says

By Barry James International Herald Tribune

PARIS — With some hey diddle diddle alchemy, the men in the moon may end up living in houses built of reinforced concrete like those on earth.

Tung Dju (T. D.) Lin, a materials scientist, believes this will be possible merely by adding hydrogen to moon rocks. If he is right, it means that the only thing that will have to be taken from Earth is the hydrogen, possibly in the form of liquid methane or liquid ammonia. Dr. Lin said that taking volatile liquid hydrogen would be too dangerous.

President George Bush announced in July 1989 a project to send men back to the moon to set up a base there from which to launch a manned mission to Mars. Mr. Bush predicted the base will be operational by the year 2005.

The Taiwanese-born Dr. Lin, who works for the Portland Cement Association in Chicago, heads an industry group called the Lunar Concrete Committee. He gave a lecture at the Palais de la Decouverte in Paris recently at the invitation of Lafarge New Materials, the only European member of the committee.

Dr. Lin has proposed building a circular base on the moon requiring 1,000 tons of cement, 330 tons of water and 360 tons of iron reinforcing rods. Carrying that amount of material from earth at an estimated \$50 million a ton would be prohibitively expensive. So Dr. Lin started looking for a lightweight solution.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration gave him a 40-gram sample of moon rock, from which he deduced that everything needed to build concrete bases already exists on the moon.

The lunar surface is rich in a material called ilmenite, containing iron oxide and titanium oxide. Heated to 800 degrees Centigrade (1,176 degrees Fahrenheit), ilmenite combines with hydrogen to produce iron, titanium, oxygen and steam. Dr. Lin said that the process also could be used to produce the water and oxygen needed for human survival.

The crushed lunar rocks would produce a fine, lightweight and extremely strong cement. And the left-

over iron could be used to make reinforcing rods. Dr. Lin said it would be easy to draw out the rods in the low gravity of the moon's surface.

In 1984, NASA sent up a satellite on a six-year mission to test the feasibility of dozens of materials that might be used to build a lunar base. Concrete was not one of them because no one at the time thought it could be a practical solution. The experiment showed that all the materials were affected by solar radiation and the hammering of space particles.

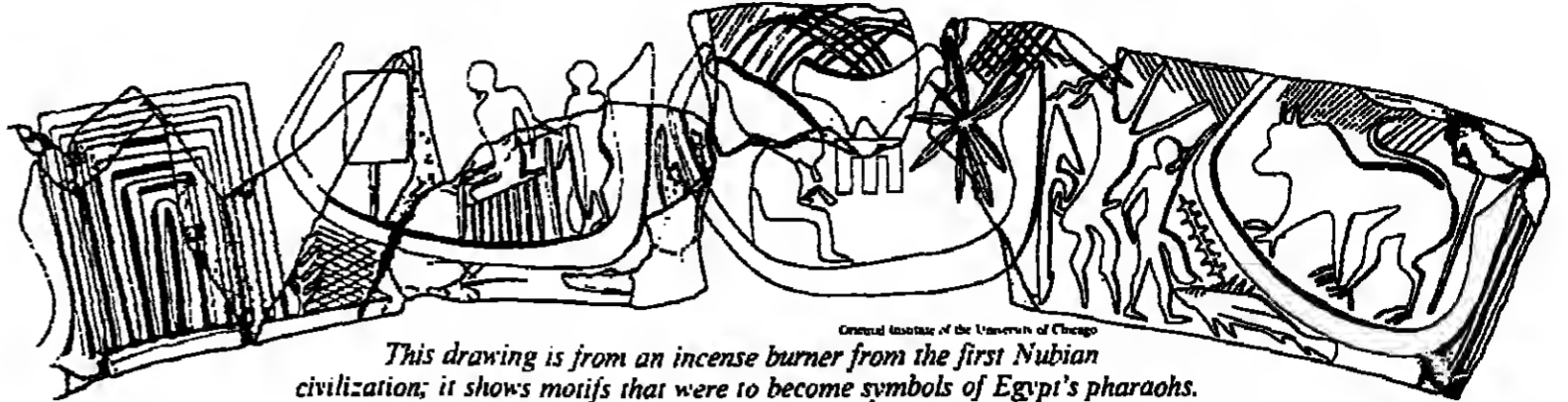
Dr. Lin believes that concrete may be the only material capable of withstanding the harsh conditions on the moon. He said lunar concrete would be similar to the material that makes up asteroids, which have survived in space for billions of years. It would have withstood not only the bombardment by solar rays but also enormous temperature extremes.

Using his tiny supply of moon rock, Dr. Lin produced a slab of concrete that he said was superior in strength and elasticity than the finest materials used in civil engineering on earth.

Dr. Lin believes he also has solved the problem of how to mix the cement, the aggregates and the water in an environment lacking atmosphere. He made cubes of dry cement and passed steam through them for 18 hours. The result, he said, was a concrete that was more than twice as strong as that made by conventional means and cured for a month.

Dr. Lin said that heat needed to carry out these processes would be obtainable from solar panels. Experiments are taking place around the world to perfect methods for carrying out the process. The University of Chicago is working on the solar panels and methods for heating up the lunar rocks. The Shimizu Corp. in Japan is seeking a method of crushing the lunar material into a fine powder. Lafarge is working on the development of concrete structures without water.

Dr. Lin said each kilogram of concrete would require only 3 grams of hydrogen. The manufacture of concrete on the moon's surface, he said, would require only about 200 tons of machinery and drilling equipment.



This drawing is from an incense burner from the first Nubian civilization; it shows motifs that were to become symbols of Egypt's pharaohs.

In Egypt's Brilliance, Nubian Roots

By John Noble Wilford New York Times Service

CHICAGO — In a race against the rising Nile waters impounded by the Aswan Dam, the world's archaeologists joined forces 30 years ago to salvage the monuments, tombs and other remnants of ancient Nubia, a black-African culture long overshadowed in history by Egypt but brilliant and innovative in its own right.

The best-known achievement of the international operation was the dismantling and reconstruction of the watery temple of the splendid temple at Abu Simbel, erected by Ramses II in the 13th century B.C.

The temple symbolized the Nubia of familiar reputation: the remote upriver land prey to Egyptian conquests and the source of gold, ivory and slaves that embellished the downriver kingdom of the pharaohs.

Less celebrated was the rescue of thousands of artifacts created by the Nubians themselves, reflecting a distinct culture dating back almost 6,000 years.

Scholars are finding in the artifacts striking evidence of Nubia's influence on Egyptian culture and its development of a unique language, a pivotal political innovation that may have influenced the rise of pharaohs in Egypt.

"It's clear Nubia was an important civilization in its own right and not just a stepchild of Egypt," said Dr. Emily Teeter, curator of an exhibit of Nubian archaeology that opened last week at the University of Chicago's Oriental Institute.

Archaeologists and other scholars have only recently begun to appreciate the full significance of the salvaged Nubian treasures, having now had time to catalogue and study them.

Not coincidentally, the growing interest in Nubia comes at a time of rolling debate over the relationship of ancient Egypt to other African civilizations and their role in the rise of Western civilization.

Many African and African-American scholars contend that Egypt was a black society; Cleopatra herself, they say, was black. And since Greece borrowed some of its culture from Egypt, according to this Afrocentrist view, Western civilization was in large part an African invention.

Dr. Timothy Kendall, an associate curator of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and a specialist on Nubia, says that the Afrocentrist focus on ancient Egypt has contributed to the neglect of ancient Nubia. "Which really was a black African culture of enormous influence and power," Nubia is an arid region in what is today southern Egypt



A most significant discovery from this period, made by Chicago's Oriental Institute, was a stone incense burner excavated at the site of Qustul, capital of the Nubian kingdom called Ta-Seti, "The Land of the Bow."

Engraved on the side of the burner are a seated ruler, a palace portal and a crown and falcon, motifs that were to become symbols of Egyptian pharaohs.

Dr. Bruce B. Williams of the University of Chicago, author of five volumes in a continuing series on Nubian excavations, has written that the incense burner, dated at about 3100, or possibly two centuries earlier, is "the first self-evident pharaonic monument from the Nile Valley."

In Dr. Williams and some other scholars, this suggests that kingship, traditionally thought to have originated in Egypt about 3100, may have developed in Nubia at the same time, and may even have begun there years earlier. In that case, the idea of a pharaoh as an earthly god, so fundamental to ancient Egyptian civilization and power, could have been a Nubian invention.

Archaeologists found that Egypt dominated Nubia for about 1,200 years, from 2000 to 747 B.C. Many aspects of Egyptian culture, including mummification, the pyramid tomb and artistic styles, were adopted by the Nubian elite.

Then Nubia's fortunes turned, and for almost a century Nubian kings ruled Egypt in what is known as the 25th dynasty. Dr. Kendall described this as "one of the most interesting periods in Egyptian history."

The Nubian king Piankhy of Napata led troops north, seizing the ancient Egyptian capital of Memphis and uniting Egypt and Nubia under his rule, beginning in 747.

The Nubian kings who followed are pictured in temples and tombs as black pharaohs of Egypt.

In an "amazing cultural flowering," Dr. Kendall said, the Nubian rulers revived Egyptian society, fostering art and building grand temples. Their reign was ended in 656, however, with the conquest of Egypt by Assyrian armies.

In succeeding centuries, the Nubian kings ruled from Meroe, farther south between the fifth and sixth cataracts on the Nile and free from Egyptian influence. This is often called the Kingdom of Kush.

The Nubians then developed a more distinctively African culture. In the second century B.C., powerful queens ruled Nubia, and their trade in elephants changed the face of warfare. Some scholars think that the elephants used by Hannibal against Rome came from Nubia.

By the sixth century A.D., most Nubians had converted to Christianity and did not turn to Islam until 1400. This made their one of the longest-lasting Christian kingdoms in Africa.

Relaxation Exercise May Help AIDS Patients

By Daniel Goleman New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Relaxation and aerobic exercise may strengthen the immune system and lengthen the lives of people infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, researchers say.

In a study at the University of Miami Medical School, men who practiced relaxation techniques or who did regular aerobic exercise had higher blood levels of CD4 cells, the immune system cells that are attacked by the AIDS virus. And two years later, those who had practiced the relaxation and exercise more often stayed healthier longer.

The research involved 86 homosexual men, 33 of whom learned during the course of the study that they were infected with HIV, the human immunodeficiency virus, although they had no symptoms.

When 21 of the men who had positive tests for HIV were followed up two years later, four had died, one had AIDS and five had symptoms that portend AIDS, like thrush, a

fungal disease in which white lesions appear on the mouth, lips and throat.

Those who had the symptoms or had died, researchers found, were among the least diligent in practicing relaxation or exercise, were most distressed on learning their diagnosis and tended to deny the need to take steps to cope with the virus.

Researchers say the findings suggest that people with HIV who are still healthy may benefit medically, as well as emotionally, from the regular practice of relaxation techniques and from moderate aerobic exercise in addition to other treatments.

"Anything you can do to enhance the strength of the immune system may be useful for people who are HIV-positive," Dr. Leonard Minick, chief of the Basic Prevention and Behavior Medicine Research branch of the National Institute of Mental Health, said of the study. "Whether that enhancement will alter the course of the disease, we don't know, but it might help keep people healthy for a longer period of time."

The researchers recruited homosexuals who did not know their HIV status and had no symptoms of the virus. The men were

randomly assigned to a relaxation training and stress-management group, an exercise class, or a control group that got no training. After five weeks, they were all tested for HIV and notified of the results.

Most men in the control group who had just learned that they had the virus became extremely anxious and depressed. Because those in the relaxation and exercise groups who learned that they carried the virus became upset, they were not as distressed as those in the control group.

Those who learned that they carried the virus and who practiced the relaxation technique also showed a gain in their counts of CD4 helper cells, a key immune measure used to track the progression of the virus. As HIV status worsens, counts of these helper cells decline.

"We found that the more they practiced the relaxation exercise over the first five weeks of the study, the less depressed and anxious the men were who found they were HIV-positive, and the higher were their helper cell counts," said Dr. Michael Antoni, a psychologist at the

Miami medical school. "While helper-cell counts vary greatly from person to person and week to week, if this is a sustained change, it might slow the rate of decline among helper cells. The goal is to keep cell counts in the healthy range as long as possible."

Relaxation also enhanced other immune measures in the HIV-positive men after five weeks. Levels of their natural killer cells, which fight tumors and viruses, also increased, as did a measure of lymphocyte's ability to proliferate to attack a virus.

And after 10 weeks, those with the virus who did the relaxation exercise also showed an increase in ability to fight off latent viruses, like herpes, another indicator of immune strength. "This protective effect against latent viruses may be the most significant long-term benefit," Dr. Antoni said. After 10 weeks of moderate aerobic exercise, those with HIV also showed an increase in the numbers of helper cells.

"It's when these cells decline sharply that people tend to become symptomatic enough to get AIDS," said Dr. Arthur LaPerriere, a psychologist and exercise physiologist.

IN BRIEF

'DNA Fingerprints' Pass Reliability Test

WASHINGTON (WP) — Defense attorneys who argue that "DNA fingerprint" evidence is inconclusive will not be happy with findings reported last week in the journal Science. Two biostatisticians at Yale University calculated that the chance of two people, even of the same racial background, having the same DNA fingerprints was at least 1 in 1 trillion.

Scientists produce a fingerprint by extracting DNA from cells and looking at the order of "bases," or DNA building blocks, at selected sites on chromosomes. Because blood, sperm or hair-follicle cells can serve as sources of DNA, fingerprints can often be made from evidence left at the scene of a crime.

The Yale researchers used two DNA databases — one maintained by the FBI and one by the DNA fingerprinting company Lifecodes — to determine how many coincidental matches there actually were. They found one case in 7.6 million comparisons in the FBI data in which three chromosomal sites had identical DNA order in two individuals. They found no cases where five sites matched in two individuals.

King Crab Evolved From Humble Hermit

NEW YORK (NYT) — King crabs may be majestic in their dimensions and princely in the sums their succulent legs command, but their origins turn out to be quite humble. Scientists have learned that the giant shellfish evolved from hermit crabs, little soft-bodied creatures that live as squatters in abandoned snail shells.

As different as the two animals appear, some biologists examining

the details of their anatomies had long believed they were distantly related. But a new molecular comparison of their genes shows that king crabs and hermit crabs are much more closely linked than anyone had suspected, and that rather



The majestic king crab.

than being considered merely members of the same superfamily, they should be counted as first cousins in the same genus.

Scientists now suggest that king crabs began evolving from a hermit crab progenitor about 19.5 million years ago.

"We thought we'd find relatedness, but the degree of it was a total surprise to us," said Dr. Clifford W. Cunningham of the University of Texas at Austin.

Pauses in Speech: A Diagnostic Tool

CHICAGO (AP) — Pauses in speech can be used to predict heart attacks, adjust medication and even test for drug abuse, according to experts in speech analysis.

Short halts in speech, some lasting just microseconds, act like an

Vitamin C Shortage Tied to Birth Defects

NEW YORK (NYT) — A man whose diet is low in Vitamin C may increase his likelihood of fathering children with birth defects and certain types of cancers, according to a study recently published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The study demonstrated a direct relationship between a diet low in Vitamin C and increased DNA damage in sperm cells. Any damage to this genetic structure may predispose a man to having children with genetic anomalies.

One of the researchers, Dr. Paul Motchnik of the University of California at Berkeley, said the implication was that increased Vitamin C could prevent the consequences of oxidation damage to DNA, including infertility and decreased sperm function in the father and some mutations, birth defects and cancers in the offspring.

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Wednesday's Prices
NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time.
The list compiled by the AP consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is updated twice a year.

Symbol	Price	% Chg	Volume	High	Low
IBM	133.75	+0.62	1,000,000	133.75	133.00
AT&T	47.75	+0.12	800,000	47.75	47.50
GE	36.00	+0.10	600,000	36.00	35.75
AMC	28.00	+0.12	500,000	28.00	27.75
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MARKET DIARY

Program Buying Lifts Dow to Record

NEW YORK — Stocks scaled new heights to close at record highs on the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday, helped by computer-driven buying programs and a positive reaction to the Treasury's 10-year note sale.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 25.26 points to 3,276.83. The rise was led by United Technologies, Bethlehem Steel and J.P. Morgan.

The NYSE composite index was up 1.60 at 230.54, and Standard & Poor's 500 index increased 3.39 to 417.15. Big board volume was heavy at 230.4 million shares, up from 200.7 million on Tuesday, and advancing issues outnumbered declines by nearly 2 to 1.

Dollar Mostly Higher In Rumor-Driven Trade

NEW YORK — The dollar ended higher against European currencies Wednesday but below its best levels after a session driven by rumors of international crisis.

The dollar rose to 1.6073 Deutsche marks at the close, up from 1.5966 DM on Tuesday. It slipped against the yen, however, to close at 127.40.

Around midday the dollar climbed to a peak of 1.6120 DM on rumors that heavy fighting had broken out in the south of Iraq between the Iraqi army and the Shiite population.

Dealers also said the dollar got an early lift from rumors of a coup in Russia, which the Foreign Ministry in Moscow denied.

Andrew Hodge of Bank Brussels Lambert said there was follow-through buying on the remark by the Federal Reserve chairman.

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Sears to Cut 600 More Jobs by April CHICAGO (AP) — Sears, Roebuck & Co. said Wednesday it would eliminate 600 jobs by mid-April in a reorganization of its regional retailing management staff aimed at saving \$30 million by next year.

Brady Calls for Fed to Reduce Rates WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) — Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady said Wednesday the Federal Reserve System should cut interest rates further to help the economy.

CBS Earned \$9.4 Million in Quarter NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — CBS Inc. reported fourth-quarter net income of \$9.4 million, or 61 cents a share, compared with a loss of \$156.0 million or \$6.06 in the year-earlier quarter.

General Dynamics Bets on F-16 FORT WORTH, Texas (UPI) — General Dynamics Corp. is increasingly relying on foreign sales of its F-16s as the U.S. Air Force winds down its orders for the planes because of defense budget trimming.

Travelers and Aetna Report Losses HARTFORD, Connecticut (AP) — Travelers Corp. and Aetna Life & Casualty reported Wednesday sharp declines in fourth-quarter profits as the insurance giants continued to struggle against real estate losses.

For the Record Prime SpA of Milan, the financial arm of Italy's Fiat, announced Wednesday its first entry into investment management in the United States in a joint venture with Lipper & Co. of New York.

Saudis Push for Milder Output Cut

GENEVA — Saudi Arabia appears to be steering the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to a deal that would halt the slide in oil prices but would be insufficient to raise them to the group's \$21-a-barrel target.

The Saudis want the group to cut production 5 percent to 6 percent from the current 24 million barrels a day, an official said. Saudi Arabia was said to be at odds with Venezuela, usually an ally.

In late New York trading, oil futures for March delivery slipped 1 cent a barrel, to \$19.27 for West Texas intermediate. (Reuters, UPI)

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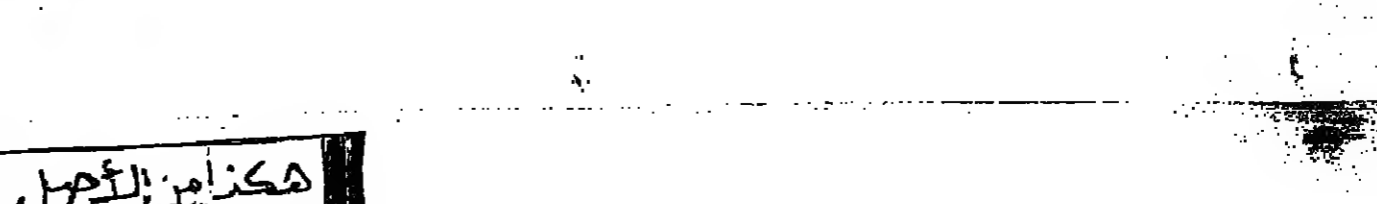
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EC: Commission Plan Offers Little Cash for Industry

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Bae to Cut 2,350 Jobs In Britain

LONDON — British Aerospace PLC said Wednesday it was cutting 2,350 jobs in its civil and military aircraft divisions...

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LONDON — Reuters Holdings PLC said Wednesday that its sales and profit rose last year, and it announced excellent progress on a spiffy computer-based system for foreign-currency trading...

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Spain to Provide Cash to Iberia Air

MADRID — Iberia Air Lines, the state-owned carrier, will receive a 120 billion peseta (\$1.2 billion) capital infusion from Spain to help it stay competitive...

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IBM	115.25	114.75	115.00	115.00	+0.25
Microsoft	68.75	68.25	68.50	68.50	+0.25
Apple	55.25	54.75	55.00	55.00	+0.25
Oracle	45.25	44.75	45.00	45.00	+0.25
Novell	35.25	34.75	35.00	35.00	+0.25
Lotus	25.25	24.75	25.00	25.00	+0.25
Intel	15.25	14.75	15.00	15.00	+0.25
AMD	10.25	10.00	10.00	10.00	+0.25
ATI	5.25	5.00	5.00	5.00	+0.25
3Com	4.25	4.00	4.00	4.00	+0.25
Conquest	3.25	3.00	3.00	3.00	+0.25
Chips	2.25	2.00	2.00	2.00	+0.25
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Japanese Carmakers Try to Head Off U.S. Attack

Toyota and Nissan Plan Higher Prices

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
TOKYO—Toyota Motor Corp. and Nissan Motor Co., Japan's two biggest automakers, said Wednesday that they were planning to increase prices of passenger cars sold in the United States.
 The move, which would help make U.S. cars more competitive to American buyers, comes as the government is reportedly pressuring the companies to hold down exports in order to help ease trade frictions and avert a U.S. protectionist backlash.
 The timing and sizes of price increases have yet to be decided but changes could come in the next month or two, according to spokesmen for Toyota and Nissan. Toyota said the increases would affect only imports, while Nissan said they would also be extended to U.S.-built cars.
 The automakers' plan anticipates a move by Japanese trade officials to limit further the number of cars exported to the United States, to offer more breathing room for the troubled American carmakers.
 An 11-year-old trade agreement currently restricts Japanese exports to the United States to 2.3 million vehicles a year, although

actual exports fall far short of that figure. The effectiveness of the Japanese automakers' strategy to limit their sales through pricing will depend in part on the response of U.S. carmakers. If Ford, General Motors and Chrysler decide to follow the Japanese lead and raise their prices, their relative volkswagen may remain largely unchanged. But if Detroit's carmakers use the opportunity to bolster price advantages they have over the Japanese, they may gain market share.
 Such an approach would contrast with the Big Three's response to higher Japanese prices in the 1980s. By raising its prices at the same time, Detroit piled up huge profits but lost a large share of the car market.
 Hiroshi Hashimoto, a spokesman for Toyota, said the company's move "will be made on our own judgment" in response to market pressures. He noted the yen had risen 9 percent since the dollar over the past year.
 Mr. Hashimoto said the planned price rise was unrelated to local media reports that Toyota feared it would become a target of U.S. protectionism.
 In part because of worsening U.S.-Japan trade frictions, the trade ministry is currently considering tightening Japan's voluntary restrictions on exports to the United States to 1.7 million cars a year, from the present 2.3 million. (AP, NYT)

Honda on Offensive In Customs Dispute

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON—Taking the offensive in a long-simmering tariff dispute, a senior executive of Honda Motor Co.'s American subsidiary has accused the U.S. Customs Service of bowing to an anti-Japanese mood in its finding that Honda avoided \$17 million in duties on cars shipped to the United States from Canada.
 Scott N. Whitlock, executive vice president of Honda of America Manufacturing Inc., said that the only way Customs auditors could have reached this conclusion was to have "played games, and that's what happened."
 Cars made by non-American companies in Canada must consist mainly of parts made in the United States or Canada to qualify for duty-free entry to the United States.
 In a draft audit of Honda cars assembled in Canada and shipped to the United States between January 1989 and March 1990, shown to the company on Monday, Customs claimed that Honda failed to meet that test. But Mr. Whitlock asserted that 69 percent of the cars came from U.S. or Canadian factories.

He accused Customs of making "irrational and absurd interpretations" of the U.S.-Canada free-trade agreement because of its "bias and prejudice" against Honda.
 Mr. Whitlock fired off a letter to the Customs commissioner, Carol B. Halleit, charging that "Honda has not received either procedural or substantive fairness" in the audit. "Honda believes that the results of the audit have been skewed, assuring a 'politically correct' conclusion and justifying a predetermined result."
 This new public airing of a U.S.-Japan commercial dispute erupted as transpacific frictions are increasing and interest is growing from U.S. workers and companies in buying American cars.
 Japanese-owned companies such as Honda are seeking to emphasize the American nature of their products, many of which are made by American workers at U.S. production facilities.
 The dispute has spilled over to negotiations among the United States, Canada and Mexico over a North American free-trade pact.
 Canadian officials said that they were prepared to challenge the Customs ruling, which diminished the value of the free-trade pact for Canada by removing an incentive for Honda to assemble cars in their country.

Mieno Plans Talks With Fed in U.S.

Agence France-Press
TOKYO—The governor of the central bank, Yasushi Mieno, will make a five-day visit to the United States next week for talks with officials of the Federal Reserve Board, a Bank of Japan spokesman said Wednesday.
 The spokesman said the talks would cover ways to prevent bank collapses in the two countries but that "the main purpose is to exchange ideas on a broad range of economic and financial matters."
 Mr. Mieno will meet the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Alan Greenspan, in Washington on Feb. 19 and 20.
 Financial-system support measures being considered by both central banks reportedly include cooperation in providing emergency loans to troubled banks along with ways to reduce risks associated with foreign-exchange settlements.

Investor's Asia			
Exchange	Index	Wednesday Prev. Close	% Change
Hong Kong Hang Seng	4580	4,732.43	+1.24
Singapore Straits Times	1600	1,521.70	-0.19
Tokyo Nikkei 225	27500	1,617.10	+0.10
Sydney All Ordinaries	1,617.10	21,541.64	-1.27
Tokyo Nikkei 225	21,541.64	604.45	-0.61
Kuala Lumpur Composite	600.75	N.A.	788.91
Bangkok SET	N.A.	684.23	674.32
Seoul Composite Stock	684.23	5,061.80	5,072.04
Taipei Weighted Price	5,061.80	1,225.48	1,212.79
Mumbai Composite	1,225.48	291.34	290.52
Jakarta Stock Index	291.34	1,477.84	1,467.92
New Zealand NZSE-40	1,477.84	1,084.84	1,064.07
Bombay National Index	1,084.84		

NYSE Wednesday's Closing

Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press

(Continued)

Stock	Div	Yield	Price	Change
IBM	3.00	4.1%	73 1/4	+1/4
Microsoft	0.00	0%	42 1/2	+1/2
Apple	0.00	0%	35 1/4	+1/4
Oracle	0.00	0%	28 1/4	+1/4
Novell	0.00	0%	21 1/4	+1/4
Lotus	0.00	0%	18 1/4	+1/4
Intuit	0.00	0%	15 1/4	+1/4
Visa	0.00	0%	12 1/4	+1/4
MasterCard	0.00	0%	10 1/4	+1/4
Amgen	0.00	0%	8 1/4	+1/4
Genentech	0.00	0%	7 1/4	+1/4
Amgen	0.00	0%	6 1/4	+1/4
Genentech	0.00	0%	5 1/4	+1/4
Amgen	0.00	0%	4 1/4	+1/4
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Amgen	0.00	0%	2 1/4	+1/4
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Japanese Machinery Orders Drop

Agence France-Press
TOKYO—Japanese private-sector machinery orders fell 1.4 percent in 1991, to 11.62 trillion yen (\$93 billion), marking the first decline in five years, the Economic Planning Agency reported Wednesday.
 The figure, which excludes shipbuilding and power-company contracts, plunged 25.6 percent in December from the previous month, to 696 billion yen, the lowest level in four years. December orders were also down 13.9 percent from a year earlier, due to a decline in orders from the nonmanufacturing sector.

Magazine Flotation Lifts Net at News Corp. by 38%

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
SYDNEY—Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. said Wednesday its earnings rose 38 percent in the first half, boosted by the flotation of its Australian magazine holdings and a reduction in its big debt.
 Net profit rose to 252.1 million Australian dollars (\$189.5 million) in the six months ended Dec. 31, 1991, from 183.2 million a year earlier.
 The company said improved performances at its newspaper operations in Australia and Britain and its television interests in the United States offset a poor result at its Twentieth Century Fox film studio.
 The group also suffered a loss of 62.7 million dollars on its 50 percent stakes in Australia's Ansett Airlines and British Sky Broadcasting, compared with a profit of 14 million dollars a year earlier.
 The company secretary, Keith Brodie, said an improvement at Ansett was expected in the fourth quarter following the recent collapse of a competitor, Compass Airlines. He also said BSKYB was "expected to turn the corner during March and continue to be profitable from that time forward."
 Earnings were swelled by an abnormal gain of 103.1 million dollars from the sale of its Australian magazine and commercial-printing interests to 45 percent-owned Pacific Magazines & Printing Ltd.
 News Corp., which last year won a \$8.2 billion debt restructuring, said it repaid \$1.1 billion of debt in the first half. (Reuters, AP)

Very briefly:

- Fujitsu Ltd. reduced its pretax profit estimate to 50 billion yen (\$392.2 million) for the financial year ending in March, from an earlier 120 billion yen forecast, because of sluggish demand for computers and chips.
- Kobe Steel Ltd. cut its profit forecast for the year through March to 52 billion yen.
- Citizen Watch Co. agreed to buy G. Boley GmbH, a German machine-tool maker, for 13 million Deutsche marks (\$8.2 million), its first acquisition of a foreign company.
- Nippon Paint Co. plans to market a new polymer compound with Société Nationale des Poudres et Explosifs de France as the first step in forming a broader link between the two companies.
- Shiseido Co. signed an agreement with Roundolph J. Arie e Filhos Ltda. to start selling its cosmetics products in Portugal this year.
- Singapore International Monetary Exchange will begin trading an options contract on its Nikkei stock index futures next week.
- Taiwan created a task force for liaison with the European Community.
- Yemen said Saudi Arabia would sell its 49 percent stake in Yemen Airways, clearing the way for the airline of the former North Yemen to merge with Alyemda, the carrier of the former South Yemen.

BP Sets Vietnam Lubricants Venture

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
HANOI—British Petroleum Co. signed Wednesday a 30-year joint-venture accord in Hanoi to make and sell lubricants in Vietnam.
 BP signed the agreement on the \$28 million project with Petrovimex, Vietnam's state fuel and lubricants company, to form a joint venture company, BP Peico Ltd. They will build Vietnam's first modern lubricant plant, with annual production of 50,000 metric tons, south of Ho Chi Minh City.
 BP and Statoil, Norway's state oil company, have been drilling for oil off Vietnam's central coast since 1990. They are among 11 foreign entities exploring for oil in Vietnam, but none has found commercial amounts.
 BP also submitted a bid to help develop the Big Bear oil field. Nine foreign groups are expected to tender bids by the Saturday deadline, industry sources said. (Reuters, AFP)

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SPORTS

Seton Hall Topples No. 10 Syracuse, Ending 'the Streak'

The Associated Press For 11 seasons, Seton Hall had played Syracuse and lost. That changed Tuesday night when the 25th-ranked Pirates beat No. 10 Syracuse, 86-76, in East Rutherford, New Jersey, ending a 23-game losing streak.

Inquiry Cites Violations By Syracuse

The Associated Press SYRACUSE, New York — Syracuse University said Wednesday that its 13-month investigation of the school's basketball program found that while there were some violations of National Collegiate Athletic Association regulations, the university did not lose control of the program.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

good free-throw shooting in the final minutes in East Rutherford, New Jersey. Seton Hall made 15 of 18 foul shots in the last 4:57. The only field goal in that span was a dunk by Luther Wright that started a three-point play with 16 seconds left and capped the night's scoring.

"The only point when I felt really comfortable was when I looked up and saw zero, zero, zero on the clock, and then I had to run for my life," Caver said.

The last time Seton Hall had beaten Syracuse was Feb. 21, 1981, the Pirates' only victory in 26 games since both schools joined the Big East Conference in 1979-80.

"The streak wasn't something I think about," said Seton Hall coach P.J. Carlesimo, who was 0-20 against Syracuse in his career. "They've beaten a lot of people besides us in those years and they've had some great teams. Never once did I walk away saying, 'How did we lose to a team like that?'"

Seton Hall's chances of finally beating the Orangemen (16-4, 8-4) got a lot better when freshman John Leahy made a four-point play with 4:37 left that gave the Pirates (14-6, 6-5) a 70-61 lead.

His free throw started a run of free throws for the Pirates and Syracuse was never closer than five of the rest of the way.

Jerry Walker led Seton Hall with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Georgia 64, No. 20 LSU 62; In Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Georgia withstood an LSU rally as Kendall Ruane scored 21 points.

LSU (14-6, 7-2) could get its up-tempo game going only in spurts against the Bulldogs (11-9, 4-6). LSU took its only lead since the first point of the game at 48-47 on two free throws by Vernel Singleton.



In Chicago, Graf Executes a Perfect Return

Playing in her first tournament since missing the Australian Open last month because of illness, Steffi Graf crushed Rika Higurashi of Japan, 6-0, in the first round of the Virginia Slims of Chicago tournament. Graf, the reigning Wimbledon champion and No. 2 player in the world, said after the match, "I'm just happy to be in the tournament and be able to play."

For America3, Cup Trials Are a Ho-Hum Affair

The Associated Press SAN DIEGO — The second round of the America's Cup defender selection series has become so lopsided that the America's Cup Foundation no longer finds satisfaction in whipping Team Dennis Connor.

"It is sort of boring," the America's Cup skipper, Buddy Melges, said Tuesday after the syndicate's week-old yacht, Defiant, Conner then will have two days and three nights to alter his boat before his next race, on Saturday. The two America's boats race each other on Thursday, and Friday is a lay day.

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the defense trials, losing three races by a combined 6:10. Its only victories were against Jayhawk, the first America3 boat, which was retired at the end of Round 1.

Stars & Stripes was to race in its present configuration on Wednesday against America3's older yacht, Defiant. Conner then will have two days and three nights to alter his boat before his next race, on Saturday. The two America's boats race each other on Thursday, and Friday is a lay day.

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The deal was struck because such lopsided races do not help San Diego Yacht Club's defense effort, said Melges.

"The whole program of what's going to make the difference in defending this cup successfully has got to be optimized by good competition from here until May," he said.

Stars & Stripes took a 5-second lead at the start of Tuesday's race, but that advantage quickly evaporated as America3 quickly took command of the race and finished the eight-leg, 22.6-mile (about 36.7-kilometer) race course in 2 hours, 42 minutes, 55 seconds.

America3 now has 12 points, Stars & Stripes has 3 and Defiant 2.

Recent modifications to Stars & Stripes appeared to help when the boat sails downwind, but it is much slower upwind and harder to steer.

There has been speculation that an experimental fore-and-aft rudder system was installed on Conner's boat.

SIDELINES

Ex-Fiancée Drops Suits Against Daly

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP) — John Daly's former fiancée, Bettye Fulford, did not give a reason for withdrawing a lawsuit that said the PGA champion owed her \$1 million for breaking a promise of marriage, according to her attorney.

Fulford asked for voluntary dismissal of that lawsuit in Shelby County Circuit Court and of an accompanying paternity lawsuit filed in Shelby County Juvenile Court, her attorney, F. Dulin Kelly, said Tuesday. He said she used the instructions to withdraw the lawsuits as a surprise to him. Daly's attorney, Charles Hill, said Monday that there had been no financial settlement.

In Melbourne, Australia, where he was to begin play in the Australian Masters on Thursday, Daly said Wednesday: "She's dropped both suits. I'm a very happy man."

Packers Trade Draft Pick for Favre

GREEN BAY, Wisconsin (AP) — The Green Bay Packers have traded one of their two 1992 first-round picks in the National Football League draft to the Atlanta Falcons for the quarterback Brett Favre.

Favre was the Falcons' second-round pick in the 1991 draft. The Packers sent the 17th pick in the first round, acquired from Philadelphia last year — to Atlanta. Green Bay still has the No. 5 pick overall.

Favre, 22, played college football at Southern Mississippi, leading the team to two postseason bowl victories. He set school records for passing yards (8,193), passing attempts (1,234), completions (656), passing percentage (53 percent) and touchdowns (55). As a rookie last season with the Falcons, Favre completed 14 of 34 passes for 160 yards, two touchdowns and one interception during the preseason. He joins a Packers quarterback picture that includes Don Majkowski and Mike Tomczak.

3 Crashes Mar Daytona 500 Practice

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida (AP) — The Daytona International Speedway oval, lame since it opened last week, turned dangerous on Wednesday with three crashes in less than an hour during practice for Sunday's Daytona 500.

The worst of the wrecks was a six-car incident involving Brett Bodine, Ricky Rudd, Michael Waltrip, A.J. Foyt, Wally Dallenbach Jr. and Bobby Hill Jr. There were no injuries, but the cars driven by Waltrip, Foyt, Hill and Dallenbach were badly damaged and the teams all said they would go to backup cars for Thursday's qualifying races.

Earlier, the rookie Mike Wallace grazed the wall in Turn 4, escaping injury and serious damage. Then, Stanley Smith and Davey Allison collided as Allison was taking a slow warm-up lap. Allison said Smith was passing Dave Marcis and was out able to get by before coming upon his slower car.

Ex-South Africa Soccer Aide Jailed

JOHANNESBURG (Combined Dispatches) — A South African court on Wednesday sentenced a former National Soccer League official to 14 years in prison for stealing more than 7 million rand (\$2.5 million) from the organization.

The Rand Supreme Court in Johannesburg found the league's former public relations director, Abdul Bhanjee, guilty on 33 counts of theft.

Bhanjee, 53, had pleaded out guilty, saying he was entitled to the money as a commission on sponsorships he had obtained. The stolen money was to have gone to the league to pay for sponsorships and television rights. It included payments from the South African Broadcasters Corp. for rights to broadcast the 1990 World Cup. (AP, Reuters)

For the Record

The former NBA center Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and the newspaper columnist George Will have been elected to Little League Baseball's Hall of Excellence. Little League officials said Tuesday, Abdul-Jabbar played for the Inwood Little League in New York City. Will played for the Champaign Little League of Champaign, Illinois. (AP)

Ron Fraser, 55, the second-winningest college baseball coach in history, announced Tuesday that he will leave the University of Miami program following this season and retire from coaching after the Summer Olympics. (UPI)

SCOREBOARD

Table containing NBA Standings (Eastern, Central, Western, Pacific Conferences), Major College Scores, and NHL Standings. Includes team names, records, and game results.

What Colours do You Think will be in Fashion this Year?

IT'S 500 YEARS since Spain discovered a new continent. But the energy of the people is no museum piece. The passion lives on. Spain embraces the age of technology. But true to its colours, it does so with an optimism uniquely Spanish. Who else but Spain would stage three major world events in one year that succeed in looking forward to the future but keep one eye on preserving the traditions of art and culture? But then who else invites guests to stay in hotels that once were castles? And where else can you see the brush strokes of genius and find a beach to call your own? In such a country, the real spectacle is life itself. Everywhere it is lived to the full. It spills out into the streets of every village and every town. But even in a place so rich in local colour, 1992 looks like being a vintage year. The year of the Olympics. The year of Expo'92. The year of the Cultural Capital of Europe. Spain is having a party. And everyone is invited to paint the town red. And yellow. And red again.



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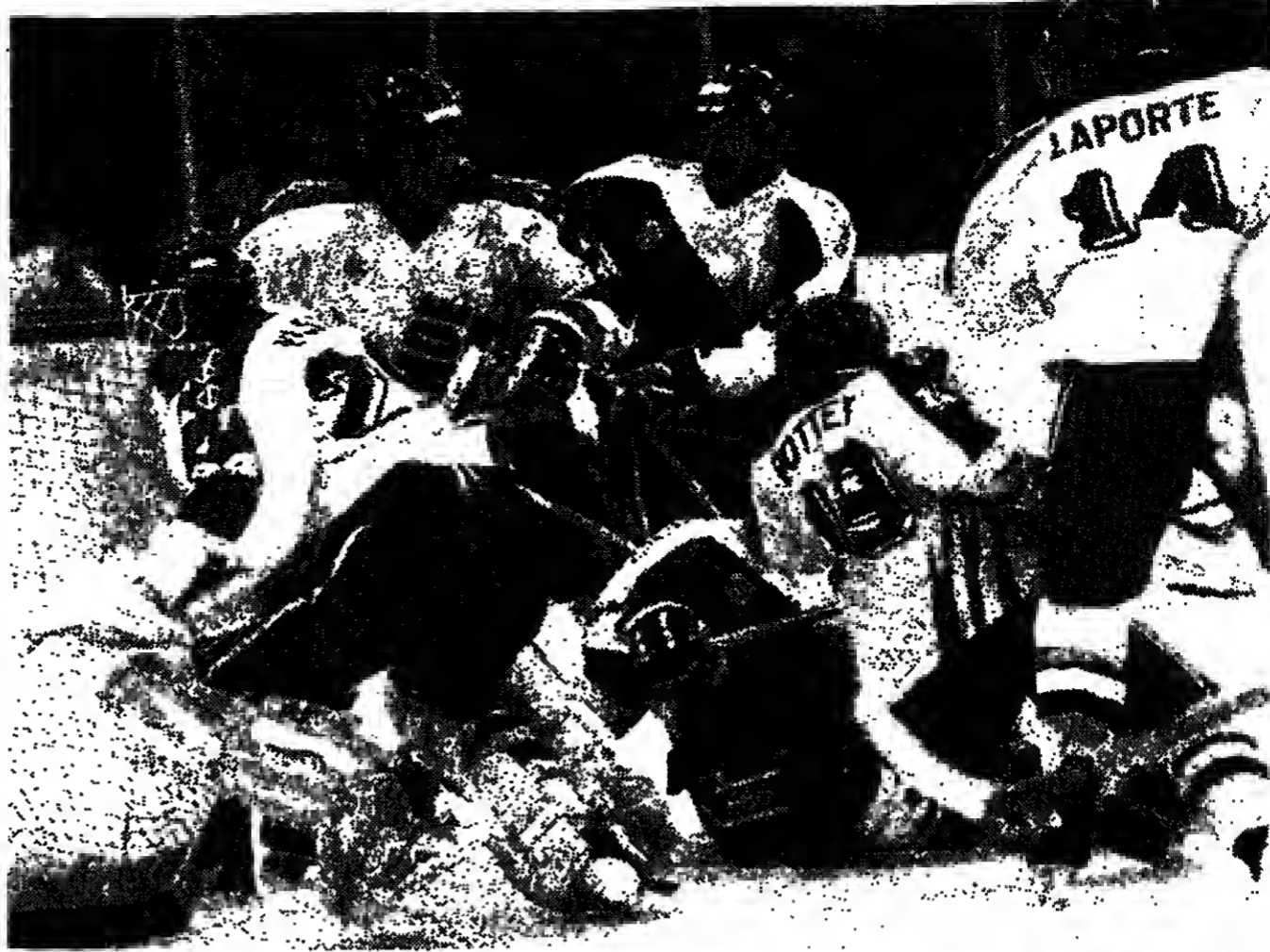
Czechs Beat Ex-Soviets As France, Canada Win

By Filip Bondy

MERIBEL, France — It has been nearly 24 years since Soviet tanks rolled into Czechoslovakia... Czechoslovak Olympic hockey team continued to memorialize the event Wednesday night with a visceral victory, 4-3, over the Unified Team.

and opportunistic sniping in front of the net. To win against this team is the same like in Canada winning against the Canadiens... Archibald, formerly with the Minnesota North Stars and New York Rangers of the National Hockey League, opened the scoring at 1:57.

In the third, Gordon Hynes had two goals and Fabian Joseph and Lindros one each... Archibald, formerly with the Minnesota North Stars and New York Rangers of the National Hockey League, opened the scoring at 1:57.



Petri Ylonen, the French goaltender, was overwhelmed in a pileup of teammates and Swiss players during France's 4-3 victory.

Thursday's Events

All times are GMT Alpine Skiing - Women's combined slalom, 1st run, 09:00; 2d run, 18:00. Cross Country Skiing - Men's 10 km, 09:00; Women's 5 km, 12:00.

Thursday's TV

All hours are local Austria - FS2: 0600, 0945, 1350, 1445, 2000, 2015, 2210. Czechoslovakia - TV1: 1040-1510, 2220.

Yanks vs. Finns: Battle of Bruised Egos

By Filip Bondy

LA TANIA, France — The U.S. hockey players insist that the Finns have suckerpunched them in the first round... The Czechoslovaks did not listen and finally scored the winning goal on a snap shot by Petr Rosol from the slot at 16 minutes, 42 seconds of the third period.

take all your stickhandling and go celebrate with that. Donato's belligerent attitude is no accident. It has been carefully nurtured by the American coaches and by the players themselves.

Selmanne: Star of Finland

New York Times Service

He is our Eric Lindros, said teammate Mikko Makkela. He has speed, he handles the puck, he has all the tools. Selmanne smiles at this comparison. 'I will have to buy Mikko a beer for that,' he said.

Germans End 1-2 in 10-K Biathlon

LES SAISIES, France — Mark Kirchner, who swept the two individual biathlon titles at the 1991 World Championships and added another gold in the relay, edged his good friend Ricco Gross and led Germany to a 1-2 finish Wednesday in the men's 10-kilometer biathlon.

four years ago in Calgary for the Soviet Union, finished fourth. The Germans had all four team members in the top nine. Kirchner was sixth and Frank-Peter Roetsch, the gold medalist in Calgary, placed ninth.

throughout. The army sergeant shot perfectly both times and finished in 26 minutes, 2.3 seconds. After winning the world titles, I've been working on my prone shooting in the last two to three weeks, but in the last few days it did not look so good.

Friday's Events

All times are GMT Biathlon - Women's 3x7.5 km relay, 09:00. Ice Hockey - CIS vs. France, 12:00; Switzerland vs. Norway, 15:30; Canada vs. Czechoslovakia, 19:15.

Friday's TV

All hours are local Austria - FS2: 0600, 0945, 1330, 1345, 2245. Czechoslovakia - TV1: 1040-1550, 1800-1940; FS2: 2355-0045; Eurosport: 24-hour coverage.

Austrians Take Honors in Luge, Myler Posts Best U.S. Finish Ever

The Associated Press

LA FLAGE, France — The Austrian sisters Doris and Angelika Neuner slid to a 1-2 sweep Wednesday in the women's luge competition, winning their country's first gold and silver medals in the event.

Bonny Warner's sixth-place finish in 1988 was the previous American best. The Neuner sisters won the first women's luge medals for Austria since Helene Thurner's bronze in 1964, the year the sport entered the Olympic program.

Doris Neuner took the lead in the first heat on Tuesday and finished with a four-run time of 3 minutes, 6.69 seconds. Angelika, 22, nearly caught her Wednesday, closing the gap to .073 seconds. Erdmann, this season's World Cup champion, was 4:19 behind.

OLYMPIC SCOREBOARD Sponsored by MCI CALL USA

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Official Guidebooks From Moscow Bugged Down en Route in Poland

New York Times Service

ALBERTVILLE, France — Conspicuous by their absence at the Olympic Winter Games are any press materials from Russia and the other former Soviet republics. Normally, guides providing background material on the athletes are readily available at events like this.

ASIA/PACIFIC

All hours are local Australia - Channel 9: 2030-0100. Chile - CCTV: 2200-2300. Hong Kong - ATV: 1830-2000; STAR TV Prime Sports: 0700, 0800, 0900, 2200, 2300.

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SPORTS



Kristin Krone of the United States went head-first into the netting on the downhill course Wednesday, but she was not badly injured.

Kronberger Wins Downhill Race As More Skiers Are Hurt by Falls

By Gerald Eskenazi
New York Times Service
MERIBEL, France — Petra Kronberger, still saddened by a training accident to her Austrian teammate on the same slope, began her downhill run at a possible five gold medals in skiing Wednesday. She won the first day of the women's combined on a course that also continued to send American crashing into the life-saving nets.

You think about the injury. But in my years of skiing, I have seen many bad things, and I am accustomed to it." Katja Seizinger of Germany was third on a sparkling afternoon. Those that remained upright, three more fell, at the finish will return on Thursday to ski two different slalom courses. The combined winner of all three events gets the medal.

Withdrawing her from the giant slalom to avoid the risk of dring and injuring herself. Schindinger, whose father is from Austria, admits that the downhill is the stronger of her combined events. So despite Wednesday's brilliant run, finishing ahead of several of the world's best downhill racers, she is unlikely to win a medal in the combined.

tom of a jump, or at the end of a steep curve. That, indeed, was where Krone had her spill. "I was in the air, thinking I was going the wrong way, and I couldn't do anything about it," she said. "The conditions are confusing. You'd think that if you have soft snow on the top, the course is slower. But it gets packed near the jumps."

A First Gold, and French See Silver Lining

By William Drozdiak
Washington Post Service
LA LECHERE, France — The champagne flowed and the French national anthem, "La Marseillaise," blared across the Tarentaise valley Wednesday after Fabrice Guy gave the host team its first gold medal in the Winter Olympics with an unprecedented triumph in the Nordic combined event.

national flag. "It's the reward for such a great team. I dedicate the gold medal to them and all of France, which gave us such marvelous public support. The crowd really counted for a lot in helping us rise to a higher level of performance."

Frenchmen clustered around the finish line in Courchevel, chanting the names of their victorious heroes and singing the national anthem. While he won four of five World Cup events this season, Guy's prospects had been clouded by recent leg injuries. He damaged ligaments in his knee and strained a calf muscle late week, but recovered rapidly through ice treatments and physiotherapy. His strong showing in the 90-meter ski jump on Tuesday put him in a favorable position, although he needed to come from behind in the cross-country run after Klaus Ober of Austria had opened up a sizeable lead.

Guy, who carried the French flag in the opening ceremony, said he was strongly motivated by patriotism in a bid to take home the gold. He tinted his hair red, white and blue before the final race and set out with a determination that brought tears to the eyes of his cheering parents.

OLYMPIC NOTEBOOK

Heavy Snow Forecast for Thursday

ALBERTVILLE (Reuters) — As much as half a meter of snow, or about 16 inches, could fall Thursday on the Winter Olympic sites, weather forecasters said on Wednesday. They said between 30 and 50 centimeters of snow may carpet northern parts of the Olympic area, including Les Saixes, where the men's 10-kilometer cross-country and women's five-kilometer race are scheduled. Up to 25 centimeters of snow is expected in other mountain areas, which could affect the women's combined slalom in Méribel and the men's and women's freestyle skiing moguls in Tignes.

Italians to Keep Medals in Combined

ALBERTVILLE, France (Reuters) — Josef Polig and Gianfranco Martin of Italy will keep the gold and silver medals they won in the men's combined on Tuesday despite a French protest, the International Olympic Committee said Wednesday. The IOC information director, Michele Verdier, said there was no question of disqualification even though organizers had upheld the protest that a sponsor's logo on the Italians' clothing was too big. Verdier said the Italian team had been given 48 hours to conform to rules on the size of advertising, which specify they should not exceed 50 square centimeters. The Italian logo was 75 square centimeters, she said.

Women Want Sex Test Continued

LA LECHERE, France (Reuters) — Women athletes at the Winter Olympics have signed a petition calling for controversial sex tests to be retained, Olympic officials said Wednesday. The chemical test used by the International Olympic Committee on female athletes was assailed as unreliable by the ethics commission of the French medical association. But the IOC information director, Michele Verdier, said that all women athletes at the Games had been screened without problem and that "the majority had signed a petition asking for them to be carried on." She said the IOC intended to use the test at the Barcelona Olympics and the 1996 Games in Atlanta.

The Mystery of Fiji at Last Unraveled

SUVA, Fiji (Reuters) — The mystery of the missing Fijian squad was solved on Wednesday. Officials became anxious when nobody from Fiji showed up for the opening ceremony on Saturday. It emerged on Wednesday that only one Fijian athlete, Rusiate Rogoyawa, 25, a Norway-based cross-country skier, had ever been entered and that his name had been withdrawn in December. The missing Colombian, Alberto Pérez, is still a mystery. Pérez, his country's only entrant, failed to show up for the first half of the men's combined Alpine skiing event, the downhill, on Monday.

Quotable

• Jacques Gaillard, a French assistant coach watching as Fabrice Guy made a mistake on the takeoff in the jumping section of the Nordic combined: "He'll be the death of us yet!"

Grosjean Leads in Mogul

Nelson Carmichael of the United States had the faster time, but Grosjean displayed better style Wednesday as the host nation gained the inside track for the first Olympic gold in freestyle skiing. The Associated Press reported from Tignes. In the elimination round of the men's mogul ski race, Carmichael was fifth of 47 skiers down the almost 900-foot hill, and covered the 66 bumps in 31.80 seconds. Only Switzerland's Bensch Moser was faster, but he finished in 29th place on the basis of style.

STASI: The Widening Taint From a Dead Police State Touches the Olympic Games

(Continued from page 1) Later he was told that he would be prosecuted and banned from future competition unless he agreed to become an informer. Soon afterward, he said, he began to prepare and submit reports on his teammates and coaches. He said the reports included information about their private lives as well as their political opinions. Like nearly everyone who has been unmasked as a Stasi informer, Czudaj has insisted that none of his reports ever resulted in harm to anyone. But as an informer, he had no direct knowledge of how his reports were used.



Edgar Grosjean of France kicking his way into the freestyle lead.

Börner Wins 1,500 As Germans Go 1-2, Blair Finishes 21st

By Christine Brennan
Washington Post Service
ALBERTVILLE, France — Jacqueline Börner of Germany, the victim of a what she thinks was a politically motivated hit-and-run car accident less than two years ago, won the women's 1,500-meter speed skating competition Wednesday night. There was not to be a second medal for Bonnie Blair, Monday's 500-meter champion found the day too warm, the ice too soft and her legs too tired in the 1,500 meters, so she slowed with a lap to go at the suggestion of her coach and finished 21st.

Börner, who has taken the driver to court, suffered injuries to her head, but her left foot fractured and ligaments torn in her right knee. "I remember that a few hours later, I woke up in the hospital," Börner said. "Everything pointed to a decision to retire from the sport, but doctors told me to go on. No doctor told me to quit." Börner, now 26, was in the hospital four months and need four more months of rehabilitation before returning to her sport in April 1991. The accident occurred after she won her first world all-around speed skating title. When she came back, there were no particular aspirations for her. Even Wednesday, she said, she was not thinking about winning a gold medal and, in fact, Niemann was considered the favorite coming into the race.



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Wall Street Flights

WASHINGTON — Some people may be wondering why the stock market is flying high every time the U.S. economy has taken another nose-dive. One theory is that those who are responsible for investing the big money are not paying any attention to the news.



Buchwald

bad idea. What are your plans for the day? Blue says, "I saw on TV last night where Balkan Rubber is laying off 53,000 people. It sounds like something my clients should invest in."

Hollywood Tops Berlin Festival

BERLIN — The flow of avant-garde eastern European films traditionally exposed to international audiences at the Berlin Festival has virtually run dry in a post-communist economic crisis.

Green, who also lives in Westport and sells hairbrushes, says, "I forgive me for interrupting but I can't understand why the market is up while all of us are down."

Toothpaste, a '90s Status Symbol

By Glenn Collins
NEW YORK — And now, regard the leading-edge indicator of consumer chic in America, the brilliant new vehicle for environmental correctness, health consciousness and graphic self-expression: toothpaste.



Richard Yeardsley

curious bite with an exotic, though not unpleasant, aftertaste. Access would be unattractive to those who have just finished restoring their six-bedroom Victorian house.

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Swiss Camomile Toothpaste with birch extract offers ingredients that sound as if they came from the satchel bin: berbal flavor, and extracts of sage, arnica, balm, thyme, horsetail and licium. What it tastes like: camomile.

Elvis Haunts a U.S. Base

He was barber to Elvis Presley, and he's all shook up. "Sure, I'm afraid," said Karl-Heinz Stein, the chief haircutter at the base in Germany where Private Presley spent his overseas army hitch.

Elvis is a crime against nature, announced during a tour of India by the prince that his deceased founder, Mohan Chandra Rajneesh, had had Charles before his death as "the pioneer of the new man."

Jodie Foster brandished a ceremonial brass pot as Harvard University's Hasty Pudding theater group honored the actress as its 1992 Woman of the Year.

The artist and graphic designer Peter Max says that whenever he meets Ronald Reagan, the former president says the same thing: "Peter, I love your colors."

Alex Haley's work will live on next season in a six-hour CBS version of his unfinished book, "Queen" like "Rocks," the miniseries will trace Haley's African and American heritage.

Broadway will have a new "Miss Saigon" next month. On March 16, Leslie Florentino takes over the role of Kim from Lea Salonga.

India's most controversial cult heaped its highest praise on Prince Charles on Wednesday, telling him to carry on meditating in defiance of press jibes.

The French couturier Pierre Cardin was elected Wednesday to the Academie des Beaux-Arts, one of five sections of the Institut Francais.

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